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April 16, 1956

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on April 16, 1956 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Richard Bloodworth, Jr., W.W.Wier, Thomas H.Milner, Jr., Troutman Wilson and Sarah Maret.

The minutes were read and approved.

The board discussed at length the procedure to follow in securing bids for a new bookmobile. Mr. Wilson suggested that specifications incorporating those of the Gerstanslager Company be sent to the Nott Body Works in Albany and to the A.C.Miller Co. in Atlanta and to ask these companies to submit bids on the body. He offered to help with the specifications. After the body has been decided upon, invitations should be issued to the truck dealers in this area asking them to submit bids to furnish the chassis. These dealers include, T.C.Brooks Motor Co., Crawford (Ford); Brooks Motor Co., Crawford(Chevrolet); C.A.Trussell Motor Co., Athens (Ford); University Chevrolet Co., Athens (Chevrolet); J.Swanton Ivy, Athens (Dodge); Chief Pontiac Co., Athens (G.M.C.); and Comer Motor Co., Comer (Ford).

It was pointed out that the Board may have up to thirty members and that it now has considerable fewer than that number. Each member was asked to think of persons to suggest as members and that they submit these names at the next meeting.

The Nominating Committee, composed of W.W.Wier, Chairman, Mrs. Grace Stephens and Troutman Wilson submitted the following slate of officers for the coming year:

Chairman	Richard Bloodworth, Jr.
V.Chairman	Mrs. Frank Dudley
Corres. Secy	Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall
Treasurer	Thomas H.Milner, Jr.

A verbal expression of appreciation was conveyed by Miss Maret to the Board from Mrs. Mendenhall for the tray sent to her in her recent bereavement.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret  
Director and Secretary

August 20, 1956

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, August 20, 1956 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Clarke County

Richard Bloodworth, Jr.  
Mrs. Robert G. Stephens, Jr.  
Harry Elder  
Sarah E. Maret

Oconee County

Mrs. Grace Zuber  
Mrs. Roland Harris

No representatives from Oglethorpe and Madison Counties were present, however, both counties have been represented at previous committee meetings and have expressed general approval of the need for a new bookmobile.

Chairman Bloodworth called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last regional board meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman gave a summary report on the activities of the bookmobile committee during the past six months. He reported that specifications for a bookmobile body had been submitted and that bids had been sought from several companies which build truck bodies. He stated that only one company, Gerstenslager, seemed to be interested in furnishing a bookmobile body at the present time and that the committee had had a bid from this company. Invitations to the local truck dealers in the Athens area to bid on furnishing the chassis for the bookmobile had been sent out. He reported that of the bids submitted to the committee, the bid submitted by J. Swanton Ivy was low. This bid was for \$1487.46. It was pointed out that the chassis plus the cost of the body for the bookmobile would amount to approximately \$5919.45 and that this total should be divided as the bookmobile costs have been divided in the budget; i.e. Clarke, Madison and Oglethorpe counties, 26 2/3% of the cost, and Oconee County 20%.

Mrs. Stephens moved that we accept the low bid of J. Swanton Ivy for the chassis and that we purchase a Gerstenslager bookmobile body, both of these items to be subject to a favorable legal opinion from Mr. Abit Nix that the board has such authority, and the reasonable assurance that the funds will be available within 90 days. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Zuber. Motion carried.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah E. Maret*  
Sarah E. Maret, Secretary

November 26, 1956

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, November 26, 1956 at 5:00 o'clock.

The following members were present:

CLARKE COUNTY

Richard Bloodworth, Jr.  
Harry Elder  
Troutman Wilson  
Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall  
Mrs. J.W. Bailey  
Thomas H. Milner, Jr.  
Sarah Maret

OGLETHORPE COUNTY

Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss  
Mrs. W.G. Callaway  
Frances Durham

No representative from Oconee or Madison Counties was present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last Regional Library Board meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Bloodworth gave a report of the funds which had been collected for the purchase of the new bookmobile. Madison County has paid its allotment in full (\$1,578.52). Clarke County Commissioners have paid \$789.26 which is one-half of the allotment for Clarke County. The City of Athens has agreed to pay the other half. Oconee County has collected the following amounts: Watkinsville P.T.A., \$150.00; Watkinsville Town Council, \$100.00; Town of Bogart, \$100.00; Bogart P.T.A., \$40.00; Carithers, P.T.A. \$ 25.00; Bishop School Club, \$50.00 Oconee County Commissioners, \$591.82. The remaining amount for Oconee County has been promised by the Oconee County Board of Education.

The Chairman reported that the low bid for the furnishing of the chassis for the bookmobile had been submitted by J.Swanton Ivy Co. It has been delivered to the Gerstanslager Co. in Wooster, Ohio. He also reported that Mr. Ivy had been paid for the chassis and that this amounted to \$1487.46.

Mrs. Cabaniss reported that she felt sure that Oglethorpe County would come through with its allotment of \$1578.52, even tho at this time she had no definite report to submit.

The Chairman reported that a 7% cost-of-living raise had been given to the locally paid staff in September for the first quarter of the year 1956. He asked that this action be ratified by the Board and that another three months or second quarter raise be given to the staff which is locally paid. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that this action be ratified and that an additional 7% be given for the 2nd quarter of the year 1956. Motion was seconded by Mr. Elder and was carried.

The budget for 1957 was distributed to the Board. The Chairman pointed out certain changes from the budget of 1956. He reported that we are asking for an increase of \$1,000.00 each from the city and from the county for the operation

of the library. This money, he pointed out, was to go into salaries of the locally paid staff. The budget was discussed. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that the budget be adopted. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Cabaniss and was carried.

Mrs. Cabaniss reported that the following had been added to the Board in Oglethorpe County: Miss Frances Durham, Maxeys, Ga.; Mrs. James Dillard, Arnoldsburg, Ga.; Mrs. W.W. Moore, Comer, Ga.; Mrs. T.C. Brooks, Lexington, Ga. and Miss Dessie Reese, Lexington, Ga.

Mrs. Mendenhall and Miss Maret were appointed by the Chairman to plan a dinner meeting for the Board. It was felt that the Board members of the four counties did not know each other as well as they should and that a social meeting of the group would help to bring them together.

Mrs. Mendenhall commented on the programs which the library is now sponsoring and she said she wished that some of the Board members could come to them.

It was reported by the Director that plans were underway to publicize the new bookmobile when it is completed and delivered to our library.

Mr. Milner reported that Mrs. Dudley had called him and asked him to bring to the attention of the members that she wished to have someone work on completing the fountain in the garden. Mr. Wilson said he and the Director would investigate the possibility of finishing the fountain.

The Director reported that the Junior Ladies Garden Club plans to contribute \$25.00 for the purchase of flowering plants for the garden.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret  
Director and Secretary